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1. On 1 Dec 53 a special politico-military committee of the Politburo of the French Communist Party was established under the chairmanship of General Jean Petit of the "Malakoff" cell. This committee was assigned the task of collecting all information about the attitude of French staff officers toward the ratification of EDC.
2. Indications reaching the Politburo are that even if EDC is ratified, the practical execution of the treaty is likely to be sabotaged by certain French staff officers. The new committee is to organize this effort and promote it in every way possible.
3. The "Malakoff" cell is an important unit, made up of high-ranking Communist leaders who have important government contacts.

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